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1. MADRID POLICE ISSUED A SECOND NOTE MARCH 14 WITH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON THE CASE, AND INCLUDING THE NAME OF A SEVENTH
PERSON ARRESTED. THE SEVEN ARE:
--JOSE FERNANDEZ CERRA AND CARLOS GARCIA JULIA, THE "PRESUMED"
GUNMEN;
--FERNANDO LERDA DE TEJADA, WHO ACCOMPANIED THEM AND STOOD GUARD
OUTSIDE;
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--FRANCISCO ALBALADEJO CORREDERA, SECRETARY OF THE (OFFICIAL -
PART OF THE SSO) PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT SYNDICATE, ACCUSED OF
INSTIGATING THE CRIME;
--GLORIA HERGUEDAS HERRANDO, TO WHOM GARCIA GAVE THE PISTOL HE
USED AFTER THE SHOOTING;
--LEOCADIO JIMENEZ CARAVACA, WHO SOLD THE PISTOL TO GARCIA; AND
--SIMON RAMON FERNANDEZ PALACIOS, WHO KNEW OF THE INVOLVEMENT

OF THE OTHERS IN THE CRIME AND WHO WAS FOUND TO BE IN ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF VARIOUS FIREARMS.

2. THE POLICE NOTE EXPLAINED THAT JOAQUIN NAVARRO FERNANDEZ, FOR WHOM THE GUNMEN HAD ASKED UPON ARRIVAL AT THE OFFICE ON ATOCHA STREET, HAD PROVIDED INFORMATION ENABLING THE IDENTIFICATION OF A GROUP CONNECTED WITH ALBALADEJO, WITH WHOM NAVARRO HAD HAD "FREQUENT CONFRONTATIONS OVER PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE TRANSPORT SECTOR." (THE FACT THAT THE MEN HAD ASKED FOR NAVARRO, IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROMOTERS OF A BUS STRIKE AT THAT TIME, HAD GIVEN RISE TO SPECULATION THAT THE SHOOTING WAS SOMEHOW RELATED TO THAT STRIKE.) POLICE SURVEILLANCE AND CHECKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS WITH THE SURVIVORS OF THE SHOOTING LED TO THE ARRESTS.

3. THE POLICE NOTE CLOSED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT "COMPLEMENTARY ACTIONS" WILL BE TAKEN "FOR THE TOTAL CLARIFICATION OF THESE EVENTS," AND HIGH POLICE OFFICIALS WERE QUOTED AS STATING THAT SEVERAL OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE PAST OR PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE EXTREME-RIGHT FUERZA NUEVA GROUP OF BLAS PINAR. ALTHOUGH THE SAME OFFICIALS SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE LINKING THE SHOOTING DIRECTLY TO THAT GROUP, THE CONVICTION WILL BE WIDESPREAD THAT EITHER FUERZA NUEVA OR SOME OTHER RIGHT-WING POLITICAL GROUP WAS THE ULTIMATE AUTHOR OF THE DEED. AS POLITICAL COLUMNIST ABEL HERNANDEZ WROTE MARCH 14, AFTER NOTING THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AT THE TIME THAT THE SHOOTING HAD BEEN "A CONSPIRACY TO DESTABILIZE THE PROCESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY," "IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT NOW THAT THE TRAGIC EVENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS MERELY A TURBID "MAFIA" CASE IN DEFENSE OF DIRTY ECONOMIC INTERESTS." CHARACTERISTICALLY LESS CAUTIOUS, DIARIO 16 ENTITLED ITS EDITORIAL "WELL, IT WAS THE BUNKER," AND REPORTED THAT THE PROVINCIAL TRANSPORT SYNDICATE IS HEADED BY A MEMBER OF FUERZA NUEVA AND THAT ALBALDEJO AND TWO OF THE ACCOMPLICES ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR RIGHT-WING BACKGROUNDS AND ACTIVITIES. EATON

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